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In re Application of:

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For: NOVEL FIRE STOP AND ITS USE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the first action by the Examiner, please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-referenced application.

In the Specification:

On Page 1, insert before the first line the following paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority to International Application No. PCT/US00/12034, filed May 3, 2000, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English, and which claims priority to Canadian Application No. 2,271,229, filed May 7, 1999.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, and add the following new claims:

1. (new) An elongate flexible firestop device for firestopping the space between a hole in a partition and an item passing through the hole, comprising:

- (a) flexible intumescent material;
- (b) a flexible container loosely surrounding the strip of intumescent material, thereby to allow the intumescent material to expand within the container;
- (c) a first patch of an adhesive arranged on the container; and
- (d) a liner covering the adhesive and readily detachable from the adhesive by means of a pull tab to expose the adhesive after the device is placed at the desired location

wherein the device can be wrapped around the item passing through the hole and the liner pulled to expose the adhesive, thereby to permanently hold the device at the desired location.